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International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 66/240 of 24 December 2011,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Notes* with appreciation the support of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for the work of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch;

4. *Recalls* paragraphs 5 and 8 of resolution 66/240 and regrets that the report of the Secretary-General did not include sufficient information on the conceptual design, project plan and updated cost estimates of the project;

5. *Notes with concern* that the project duration is estimated to be five years and three months, whereas the initial proposal of the Secretary-General consisted of a two-year project, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to

[1] A/66/754.
[2] A/66/807.

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reduce the time needed to complete the construction, while guaranteeing the effective oversight of the project;

6. *Takes note* of paragraphs 8 and 19 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed sixty-seventh session a report providing more detailed information on the key decision points regarding the conceptual design, project plan and overall cost estimate of the project, as well as information on his efforts to reduce the duration of the construction project for the Arusha branch of the Mechanism;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 6 of its resolution 66/240, and decides not to assess the portion of the initial appropriation for 2013, pending consideration of the report requested in paragraph 6 of the present resolution;

8. *Authorizes* the expenditures, from within the amount appropriated in paragraph 6 of its resolution 66/240, to cover expenses related to all the planned activities in the design phase;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Office of Central Support Services, to take into account lessons learned and best practices from past construction projects in implementing the project, and to draw in particular from the experience and the know-how acquired from capital projects, including construction at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and the Economic Commission for Africa, and the Capital Master Plan;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the International Residual Mechanism".